

SITUATION REPORT NO. 4

INCIDENT NO. 2001-103

DATE: September 14, 2001 TIME: 3:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Increased Security – In response to a series of terrorist attacks on the United States, North Dakota state agencies and military installations have taken precautions to increase security.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Local agencies on heightened alert include law enforcement, fire departments, city and county administration offices, human services, public works departments, communications centers, emergency management offices and emergency medical services.

STATE: Agencies reporting operational support activities to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) include the Governor's Office, State Radio Communications, the N.D. National Guard, the N.D. Department of Human Services, the N.D. Department of Health, N.D. Office of Management and Budget, the Division of Facility Management, the Attorney General's Office, the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, the N.D. Highway Patrol, the N.D. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the N.D. Division of Emergency Management.

FEDERAL: Federal agencies involved with increased security efforts in North Dakota include the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: The North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC) has received calls from cities concerning donations to a disaster relief fund. In North Dakota, as well as other states, constitutions prohibit a city from making donations. The NDLC is working with the National League of Cities and all state municipal leagues to establish the "Always Remember 9-11" campaign. NDLC will collect and pass along contributions from municipal employees. NDLC is suggesting community-wide fund raising be directed toward the American Red Cross or other similar organizations active in disaster response. Early next week, the League's website (www.ndlc.org) will carry complete information.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: North Dakota Air National Guard fighters have been placed on immediate alert. The 119th Fighter Wing participated in sorties on September 11 over the nation's Capitol. The National Guard continues to staff additional requests for assistance.

Governor John Hoeven called on North Dakotans to observe Friday, September 14, 2001, as a Day of Prayer and Remembrance. This request was made in accordance with President George W. Bush's proclamation declaring Friday a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. A memorial service was held at noon on Friday at the North Dakota Capitol Memorial Hall to commemorate the victims of Tuesday's tragedies and to comfort those who lost loved ones. Participants included the Governor, chaplains of the North Dakota National Guard and area choirs and bands.

Governor Hoeven today ordered the flag of North Dakota be flown at half-staff until sunset on Sunday, September 16. The Governor's order applies to all public buildings and grounds in the State of North Dakota. This action is in accordance with President Bush's proclamation ordering that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff through Sunday.

The North Dakota National Army Guard provided a C-12 fixed wing aircraft to fly more than 4,000 blood samples from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana to Phoenix, AZ. These samples were collected in response to Tuesday's events.

Since Tuesday, September 11, United Blood Services (UBS) has collected more than 500 donations in Bismarck, double the typical scheduled donations. The agency's blood supply is now adequate because of overwhelming donor response and appointments that have been scheduled through next week. UBS has resumed normal operating hours. As a result, staff members plan to call donors who made appointments after 4:00 p.m. Friday and for Saturday, September 15, to reschedule them for a later donation date.

The Mental Health Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services has developed a document that can be used as a resource for individuals and managers who are looking for assistance dealing with the psychological impact of the terrorist incidents. In addition, Regional Human Service Centers for the N.D. Department of Human Services are offering comprehensive mental health and referral services.

During the first 72 hours after the terrorist attack, the Division of Facility Management, N.D. Office of Management and Budget, initiated security measures at the State Capitol in cooperation with the Highway Patrol. Truck deliveries were restricted for the first 24 hours after the attack and supervised deliveries were allowed during the following 24 hours. Facility Management halted tours and closed visitor access to the 18th floor and to legislative chambers until September 13. The Highway Patrol added extra security and monitored truck traffic at the Capitol's three entrances.

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission reported that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) cleared aerial applications for operations at 11:30 a.m.

Friday, September 14. A ground hold remains in place for general aviation.

North Dakota's food manufacturers, processors and distributors have received an advisory from the N.D. Department of Health (DoH), Food and Lodging Division, urging them to review safety precautions and procedures. DoH issued a water safety advisory to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certified water laboratories encouraging them to heighten their awareness to the possibility of a chemical or biological terrorist event. Both advisories underscored the fact that so far neither biological nor chemical terrorist activity has occurred.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Following are contact agencies and numbers for welfare inquiries, blood and monetary donations and crisis counseling:

Welfare Inquiries

U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime: 1-800-331-0075

The agency also has a website for inquiries: www.responsecare.com

American Red Cross: contact your local chapter or call in North Dakota, 1-800-252-6746

American Airlines: 1-800-245-0999

United Airlines: 1-800-932-8555

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB): 1-202-314-6185

Virginia Governor's Terrorism Victims Help Line: 1-866-827-3543

Voluntary and Monetary Donations

Donation and Volunteer Hotline - World Trade Center: 1-800-801-8092

American Red Cross: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-HELP-NOW

The Salvation Army: Contact your local chapter or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY

United Way September 11th Fund: 1-212-251-4035

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief: 1-800-959-4325

Church World Service: 1-800-297-1516, extension 222

Nazarene Disaster Response: 1-888-256-5886

Blood Donations

United Blood Services – Bismarck: 1-701-258-4512

United Blood Services – Minot: 1-701-852-2161

United Blood Services – Fargo: 1-701-293-9453

Dak-Minn Blood Bank – Grand Forks: 1-701-780-5140

Crisis Counseling

The Mental Health Association in North Dakota: 1-800-472-2911

Northeast Human Service Center, Grand Forks: 1-701-775-0525

Northwest Human Service Center: 1-800-231-7724

North Central Human Service Center: 1-888-470-6968

Lake Region Human Service Center: 1-701-665-2200

Southeast Human Service Center: 1-888-342-4900

South Central Human Service Center: 1-800-260-1310

West Central Human Service Center: 1-888-328-2662

Badlands Human Service Center 1-888-227-7525

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials reported that \$9,960,707 in Public Assistance has been obligated for this spring's flood event, **FEMA-DR-1376-ND**. To date, there have been 263 Requests for Public Assistance applications.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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